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55 (amended). [A DNA construct according to claim 50] A nucleic acid construct comprising an expression cassette, which construct comprises, in the 5' to 3' direction:

- (a) a promoter operable in said plant cells,
 - (b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding a mutant AL1 protein, said nucleic acid sequence located downstream from said promoter and operatively associated therewith, and comprising a mutation in the oligomerization domain to produce a trans-dominant negative mutant AL1 protein; and
 - (c) a termination sequence positioned downstream from said nucleic acid sequence and operatively associated therewith, wherein said nucleic acid sequence comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10.
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Remarks

This is in response to the Restriction requirement of January 3, 2001.

Claims 1-41 and 56-59, which includes all of the claims of groups I and III set forth in the restriction requirement, have been cancelled, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon.

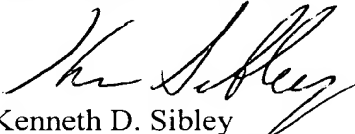
The claims of group II (claims 42-55) are presented herein for substantive examination.

Claims 49 and 55 have been rewritten in independent form to make use of the fees for additional independent claims that were previously paid by applicant.

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It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive Examination and allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

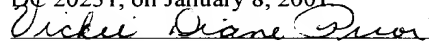
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